



REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

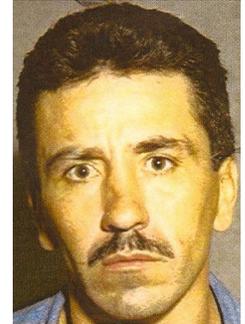
CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of January 01, 2007

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On January 03, 2007, Encarnacion Torres was arrested in Burbank, IL by members of GLRFTF. Authorities in Chicago, IL wanted Torres for Murder after he allegedly shot and killed an individual on July 30, 1983. During this incident, Torres became involved in a verbal altercation with another patron at a Chicago bar. As the argument escalated, Torres allegedly brandished a handgun, and then fatally shot the victim. Torres immediately fled the scene of the shooting, and evaded capture for twenty-three years. Chicago PD requested assistance from GLRFTF in December 2006. Investigators quickly learned that following the shooting, Torres fled to the Republic of Mexico to avoid apprehension and prosecution. Investigators continued to pursue leads, later learning that Torres assumed several false identities and returned to the United States in the late 1980s. GLRFTF tracked Torres' movements from Arizona to Nevada, and back to Illinois, where they identified his probable address in Burbank. Investigators responded to that site, established surveillance, and safely took Torres into custody after observing him there.



Encarnacion Torres
Wanted for:
Murder

Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force (GCRFTF)

On December 31, 2006, Alejandro Oscar Barron, Maribel Martinez Garcia, and Samuel Gomez were arrested in Bessemer, AL by members of GCRFTF. The Pelham, AL PD (PPD) wanted these three individuals for Capital Murder and Robbery after they allegedly took part in the abduction, robbery, and killing of an individual on 12/30/06. GCRFTF identified Garcia's location and established surveillance at that site. Investigators later observed a group of individuals sitting in front of the target residence, as well as a vehicle registered to Garcia. GCRFTF requested assistance from Pelham and Hoover, AL PD units, and moved in on the target residence. Investigators identified Barron, Garcia, and Gomez; and discovered Gomez wearing a piece of jewelry allegedly belonging to the victim. GCRFTF also seized a quantity of ammunition from Gomez. Investigators observed numerous pictures within the residence depicting the suspects and others displaying gang signs. During a subsequent interrogation, Barron, Garcia, and Gomez provided full confessions to their roles in the victim's death. Garcia later led GCRFTF personnel to the victim's body.



(clockwise from top left)
**Alejandro Oscar Barron,
Maribel Martinez Garcia,
& Samuel Gomez**
Wanted for:
Capital Murder / Robbery

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On January 01, 2007, Ramon Salce, Pedro Sosa, and Danauri Taveras, all documented members of the ***Dominicans Don't Play*** gang, were arrested in New York, NY by members of NY/NJ RFTF. Authorities in Raleigh, NC wanted all three men for multiple charges relating to a shooting incident at a restaurant in that city, which occurred on December 31, 2006. During this incident, the three subjects fired several rounds into the restaurant, fatally striking one person and critically injuring three others. The subjects allegedly engaged in the shooting as an act of retaliation against the restaurant's manager, who forced Taveras to leave after he acted belligerently earlier that evening. Investigators developed information indicating that the subjects fled to New York following the shooting, and contacted NY/NJ RFTF for assistance. NY/NJ RFTF identified several target locations, established surveillance, and later observed Salce and Sosa driving the same vehicle used during the shooting incident in Raleigh. Investigators executed a felony traffic stop and safely took both men into custody. NY/NJ RFTF later identified Taveras' location in the Bronx, moved to that site, and safely took him into custody as well. Incident to Taveras' arrest, investigators seized a .38 caliber handgun.

***Dominicans Don't Play
Gang Members***



(clockwise from top left)
**Ramon Salce, Pedro Sosa
& Danauri Taveras**
Wanted for:
Murder

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On January 11, 2007, Steven Leslie Dennis was arrested in Phoenix, AZ by members of PSWRFTF, deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the District of Arizona, and inspectors from the Technical Operations Group (TOG). Authorities in San Bernardino and Orange Counties (CA) wanted Dennis for multiple counts of Armed Bank Robbery after he allegedly engaged in at least ten robberies. Press reports dubbed these incidents the work of the “*Speechless Bandit*”, as the perpetrator would not speak to bank tellers, but would instead present a note demanding funds and then brandish a firearm. On January 10, 2007, the Orange County Sheriff’s Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation identified Dennis as the alleged perpetrator, and contacted PSWRFTF for assistance in locating and apprehending him. PSWRFTF, with critical assistance from TOG, developed information indicating that Dennis fled to the Phoenix area. Investigators traveled to Phoenix, and with assistance from District of Arizona deputies, identified Dennis’ exact location at a local motel. Investigators responded to that site, formed a perimeter, and attempted to take Dennis into custody. As investigators approached, Dennis fled on foot in to oncoming traffic traveling along a nearby highway. A vehicle struck Dennis, causing serious, but non-life threatening injuries. Investigators recovered Dennis, provided immediate medical attention, and took him into custody without further incident. Dennis awaits extradition to California.



Steven Leslie Dennis
Wanted for:
Armed Bank Robbery

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On January 02, 2007, Denaryll Head and Miche Hunt were arrested in College Park, GA by members of SERFTF. The Atlanta, GA PD wanted Head, Hunt, and a third unidentified person for Murder after they took part in the killing of a man on November 24, 2006. During this incident, Head, Hunt, and the third individual attempted to rob a homeowner in Atlanta. When the homeowner acted to defend himself, the fugitives allegedly shot and severely wounded him. The victim remained in a coma as a result of the shooting until he succumbed to his wounds and died on December 06, 2006. The Atlanta PD obtained arrest warrants for Head and Hunt, and requested assistance from SERFTF on January 02, 2007. Later that same day, SERFTF developed information indicating that Hunt registered herself at a hotel in College Park. Investigators immediately responded to that site, confirmed that Hunt purchased two rooms, and took her safely into custody as she attempted to contact hotel management. Investigators learned that Head left the hotel to purchase food, and that he would return shortly. SERFTF established surveillance and observed Head and another man return to the hotel, each walking to one of the rooms Hunt purchased. SERFTF moved in on Head and safely took him into custody. Incident to Head’s arrest, investigators seized a loaded .45 caliber handgun and a plastic baggie containing approximately 100 grams of suspected cocaine. Investigators also moved in on the second male, later identified as Talib Suluki, and safely took him into custody. Incident to Suluki’s arrest, investigators seized a second loaded .45 caliber handgun and discovered an outstanding Fulton County (GA) arrest warrant in his name.



Denaryll Head (top)
& Miche Hunt
Wanted for:
Murder

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On January 03, 2007, Marvin Scutchings was arrested in Washington, DC by members of CARFTF. Authorities in Fairfax County (VA) wanted Scutchings for multiple counts of Armed Robbery, Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. Authorities suspected Scutchings’ involvement in a series of armed robberies, and linked him to an April 21, 2006 robbery through DNA analysis. Scutchings fled after learning of his status as a suspect in the above incidents. CARFTF developed information indicating that Scutchings took residence at a location in Washington, responded to that site, and safely took him into custody.



Marvin Scutchings
Wanted for:
Armed Robbery